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1. COMMITTEE, MAY 22, DISCUSSED ECOSOC EXCEPTIONS TO PRINCIPLE THAT UN BODIES SHOULD MEET AT ESTABLISHED HEADQUARTERS. IN CASE OF SUMMER SESSION OF ECOSOC, USREP (KELLER) REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING ESTIMATE OF BUDGET IMPLICATIONS OF MEETING IN NEW YORK VERSUS GENEVA DURING SUMMER. FURTHERMORE, HE REQUESTED INFO FOR REASONING BEHIND CURRENT EXCEPTION. FRENCH REP (DERRE) RAISED IMMEDIATE OBJECTIONS TO DISCUSSION. SECRETARIAT PROMISED TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION AND, AT SUGGESTION OF SOVIET REP, CHAIRMAN HAHN STATED THAT HE WOULD WRITE LETTER TO CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL TO REQUEST VIEWS OF ECOSOC ON QUESTION OF PLACE OF VENUE OF COUNCIL FOR SPRING AND SUMMER SESSIONS.

2. COMMITTEE THEN DISCUSSED MEETING PRACTICES OF FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS OF ECOSOC. SECRETARIAT REP ARGUED FOR NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULING OF FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS AS BETWEEN NEW YORK AND GENEVA. USREP POINTED OUT COMMITTEE HAD ALREADY DECIDED THAT TWO COMMISSIONS (NARCOTIC DRUGS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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HUMAN RIGHTS) WOULD MEET REGULARLY IN GENEVA.

HE SUGGESTED THAT FOUR OTHER FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD ALSO PLAN TO MEET AT THEIR HEADQUARTERS (I.E., NEW YORK). HOWEVER, FOLLOWING ABOVEMENTIONED SECRETARIAT INTERVENTION AND REMARKS OF SEVERAL OTHER DELS, USREP SUGGESTED THAT COMMITTEE REINFORCE DESIRABILITY OF COMMISSIONS MEETING AT HEADQUARTER BUT MAKE APPROPRIATE ALLOWANCES FOR NEED TO RETAIN SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY IN VENUE TO MAINTAIN OPTIMUM CONFERENCE PROGRAMMING. CHAIR AGREED TO DRAFT FORMULATIONS ALONG THESE LINES FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING.
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